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New U.S. Patent Application

Title: HIGH PERFORMANCE TYRE WITH TREAD BAND HAVING AN
ANISOTROPIC UNDERLAYER STABLE UPON TEMPERATURE
VARIATION

being a Continuation of PCT International Application No.
PCT/EP00/06357 filed July 4, 2000.

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Dear Sir:

We enclose the following papers for filing in the United States Patent and Trademark Office under 35 U.S.C. 111(a) as a **Continuation** application of PCT International Application No. PCT/EP00/06357 filed July 4, 2000 which claimed priority of European Patent Application No. 99202260.8, filed July 9, 1999, and claimed the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/145,976, filed July 29, 1999.

1. Application 17 pages, including 6 independent claims and 31 claims total.
2. Preliminary Amendment.
3. Drawings 2 sheets of formal drawings containing 2 figures. (Figs. 1 and 2)
4. Information Disclosure Statement and Information Disclosure Citation, PTO 1449 with 11 documents attached.

5. The filing fee is calculated as follows:

Basic Application Filing Fee					\$740	\$740.00
	Number of Claims		Basic	Extra Claims		
Total Claims	31	-	20	11	x \$18	198.00
Independent Claims	6	-	3	3	x \$84	252.00
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6. A check for \$1190.00 is enclosed. The fee includes:

\$740.00 filing fee; and

\$450.00 additional claims fee.

Applicants claim the right to priority based on European Application No. 99202260.8, filed July 9, 1999, and the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/145,976, filed July 29, 1999.

This application is being filed under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(f). Applicants await notification from the Patent and Trademark Office of the time set for filing the Declaration.

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Please accord this application a serial number and filing date.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional filing fees due and any other fees due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or § 1.17 during the pendency of this application to our Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

Sincerely,

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Enclosures

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